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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 0879

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REPORT OF COUNTERFEIT U.S. CURRENCY ABOARD WCRP VESSEL
ROLAND

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HONG KONG FOR LEGATT

MANILA FOR LEGATT AND TREASURY

1. AMCIT OWNER OF WORLD CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND PEACE (WCRP) VESSEL ROLAND, RICHARD PASCOE, (REFTEL) CONTACTED CONOFF ON MARCH 3 TO REPORT COUNTERFEIT U.S. \$100 NOTES AMONG THE REFUGEES ON THE ROLAND. PASCOE HAD NONE IN HIS POSSESSION, BUT HAD EXAMINED A NOTE WHICH HAD FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THE SHIP'S MASTER. HE INDICATED IT WAS A GOOD IMITATION, BUT IN HIS OPINION DECIDELY BOGUS. THE CREW HAS MADE NO ATTEMPTS TO CONFISCATE THE CURRENCY, BUT CAPTAIN FEELS THERE COULD BE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ABOARD. PASCOE
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REQUESTED EMBASSY INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PROCEED IN THE MATTER, AND MENTIONED THAT THERE WAS SOME POSSIBILITY THE REFUGEES WOULD VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER THE NOTES TO HIM OR THE CAPTAIN.

2. PASCOE BELIEVES THE CURRENCY CAME FROM EITHER VIETNAM OR MALAYSIA. ABOUT 200 OF THE REFUGEES ABOARD CAME FROM

CAMPS ON THE EAST COAST OF MALAYSIA, WHILE SOME 100 BOARDED THE ROLAND DIRECTLY FROM THE BOATS IN WHICH THEY FLED VIETNAM (REFTEL). THE ROLAND, IN MALACCA DURING MOST OF THE LAST TWO WEEKS, SAILED MARCH 2 FOR THE COAST OF MALAYSIA. PASCOE EXPECTS THE VESSEL TO DOCK AT TIOMAN ISLAND ON MARCH 4 OR 5, WHERE A GROUP FROM AUSTRALIA WILL BOARD FOR PROCESSING THOSE REFUGEES TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE GOA. PASCOE INTENDS TO PROCEED TO TIOMAN TO JOIN THE ROLAND TODAY.

3. FOR KUALA LUMPUR. IN THIS PARTICULAR SENSITIVE CASE WHICH REQUIRES THE COOPERATION OF THE GOM IN ALLOWING THE REFUGEES ASHORE FOR PROCESSING AND/OR ONWARD TRANSPORTATION TO TCS, CIRCUMSTANCES MAY WELL PRECLUDE NOTIFICATION OF COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY ABOARD THE ROLAND TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES (7 FAM 253.2).

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